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The biological escapement goal range for sockeye salmon in the Buskin River Drainage is 5,000 to 8,000 fish. As of June 16, the weir count for sockeye salmon in the Buskin Lake was 7,813 fish. The department is now projecting the escapement will exceed 8,000 fish. In order to prevent a higher than desired sockeye salmon escapement into Buskin River, closed waters will be reduced to the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline at Buskin River in the Northeast Kodiak District at noon Tuesday, June 18 until July 31, 2013.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that subsistence seine and gillnet gear may not be operated in a manner to obstruct more than one half the width of any waterway and any channel or side channel of a waterway. Fishermen should also consult both State of Alaska fishing regulations and the Federal Subsistence Management regulations for waters subject to ANILCA Title VIII before fishing.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska. However, the Federal Subsistence Board assures a subsistence priority for rural residents as provided by Title VIII of ANILCA.

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